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Classified By: Ambassador Carol van Voorst for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

(C) As Iceland's formal reply to demarche (ref B), MFA's Minister Counselor Nikulas Hannigan told A/Poloff on March 29 that they do not have the expertise or the facilities (social or security) to receive and integrate Guantanamo detainees. Hannigan said Icelandic law provides only for accepting refugees, and these only as defined by UNHCR.

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